



In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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May 24, 2026, 10:00AM

We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine, and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

Boldface font indicates congregational response.

Worship leaders will indicate when to stand and sit, as you are able.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets us here. We gather in the name of the Creator, and of the Savior, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn ELW 401

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, the [disciples] were all together in one place. **And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.** Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the

native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, **“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—**in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, **“What does this mean?”** But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Word of God. **Word of life.**

Children’s Message

Children and the young at heart are invited to the front of the sanctuary.

Lesson

Acts 2:14-28

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, **“Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: *‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young [ones] shall see visions, and your old [ones] shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. **Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**’* Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, [the one] attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through [Jesus] among you, as you yourselves know—this one, handed over to you according to the

definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. **But God raised Christ up, having released [Jesus] from the agony of death, because it was impossible for [Christ] to be held in its power.** For David says concerning him, *'I saw the Lord always before me, for [the one] is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'*"

Word of God. **Word of life.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 804

"Come Down, O Love Divine"



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **.Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Jesus is with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

For checks and cash offerings, please place them in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. For members, if you are making a cash donation, place it in an envelope with your name on it. For online giving through Square, scan the QR code. To pay with PayPal, please visit our website: Bethel-mpls.org.

*Online worshipers, please send checks directly to:
Bethel Lutheran 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407
Thank you for your generosity!*



Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of the great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly. God of pow-er and God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry O, God. You are
fi-re you are wa-ter, God of jus-tice and God of peace,
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry O, God.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-nah in the high-est, Ho - san-nah in the high-est. Ho - san-nah in the high-est!
You are gen-tle, you are giv-ing, God of mercy and God of love,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry O, God.

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith, that **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Communion Hymn ELW 403

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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Communion Hymn ELW 472

"Eat This Bread"

Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God’s grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.

Amen.

Bethel Vocal Choir Nunc Dimittis in C - R. Vaughan Williams/D. Walczak

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Holy one, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations, In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Friends, know this, you are claimed by God's love, redeemed by Christ's life, and set free to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our worship has ended, our service begins. Go in God's peace and love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 399

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

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Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Music -- Bethel Choir

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Vocal Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Susan Johnson	Ushers:	Mary Chilvers and Marshall Cannon
Lector:	Norma Lanning	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Janet Anderson	Hospitality:	Sharon Rodi
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Laurie Hauge and Anna Wohnoutka

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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Scholarships

APPLICATIONS

Bethel wants to encourage and support those who are seeking higher education.

Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are due on August 5, 2026.

Applications can be found on our website: bethel-mpls.org/education

Applicants must be entering their second year of post-high-school study.

For more information on our scholarship program or to apply,
please contact the office:

612-724-3693 or bethel@bethel-mpls.org

Apply Now!



Help Sew School Bags

School bags are urgently requested from Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

School bags are sewn with sturdy cloth and filled with basic school supplies. How many can we sew and fill with requested school supplies?

30? 40? 50?

Contact Sharon Rodi for sewing instructions:

612-722-3324 or nord@mninter.net

How many bags can we sew and fill in 2026?

Join us for our free
**COMMUNITY
FUN NIGHT**



FREE

DINNER AND DANCE NIGHT
Thursday, July 9, 5:30pm-7:30pm
5:30pm Picnic BBQ Dinner
6:15pm Dance Lesson



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Bethel has been a part of Day Camp for over 12 years!

JOIN US MONDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 15 - 19, 9 AM - 4 PM

DAY CAMP PROGRAMMING FOR:
RISING KINDERGARTENER - 4TH GRADE
5TH - 6TH GRADES
7TH-8TH GRADES
HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS

LOCATION: DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5760 PORTLAND AVE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417

The Sandwich Project

M I N N E S O T A

Sunday, May 31,

right after worship.

The kids would like us to help them make 250 sandwiches for The Walker Food Share, Walker Food Share is located at Walker United Methodist Church at 31st and 16th, and serves 150 families each week. This project is funded by a Thrivent Action Team arranged by the Berke family. **Please come to rooms 7 and 8 for our service project and fellowship time.** Thank you.

BETHEL'S BUILDING AND OFFICE

Wish List

Purchase using the QR code,
or go to our website:
bethel-mpls.org
click "Bethel's Building and Office
Wish List" at the top of the page.



Do you want to help support Bethel by purchasing a specific product that we need? Now is your chance!

We have created an Amazon Wish List for our Building and Office needs! Purchase napkins for Bethel's events, floor wax to keep our floors shiny, rugs for the entrances, and more! Items will automatically be removed from the list once the quantity we need has been purchased.

Thank you in advance for your support!

PRAYER list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Anna Wohnoutka	Laurel Jorgensen
Mike Wohnoutka	Gloria Condon
Stella Warwick	Hundt Family
Christopher Rodi	Puckett Family
Anna Olsen	Darrell Dahl
Dave and Libby Krogh	Walker Family
Barb Saunders	Warwick Family
Hoover Family	Pikkarainen Family
Leonard Phillips	Gert Carlson
	Joyce Hughes
	David and Sue
	Dorumsgaard Ayers

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, Iranian Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes

MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Kris Hayes (Ann Allison's sister)
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Virginia (Jerry Johnson's mom)
Bill (Barb Wandberg's brother)
Lennon (Cole and Bryan's niece)
Sonia (Gene Rodi's sister)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Eric (Pr B's and Mary's family friend)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

- ◆ReconcilingWorks ◆Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ◆Mpls Area Synod ◆Nokomis Healthy Seniors ◆CANMN
- ◆Iglesia Evangelica Luz Alas Naciones ◆Iglesia Evangelica La Voz de Dios
- ◆Bancroft Neighborhood Association ◆Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)